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STATE FRA CHIEF APPALLED
AT DISRESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER

"The defiant disrespect for law and order and atrocious assaults on police officers in the line of duty will not be tolerated by the 16,000 members of the N.J. State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Inc.," remarked Det. John J. Heffernan of the Maplewood Police Department, President of the largest police organization in the State of N.J.

"The recent assaults on Newark and East Orange policemen on a 'routine' police call to resolve a noise complaint resulted in severe injuries to several policemen. This disgraceful disrespect for lawful authority could have resulted in many fatalities.

"The stoning of police and firemen at the 4th Precinct was another outrageous act against law enforcement.

"The looting of stores constitutes the highest degree of civil disobedience that can be enacted.

"I wholeheartedly urge the Negro community leaders to fully cooperate with lawful authorities in all areas where needed in the public interest and the protection of lives and property.

"Disrespect of law and order is a severe blow to all Civil Rights progress and is not fair to the dedicated Civil Rights leaders in their future endeavors," Heffernan concluded.

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